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County Animal Care Centers are Soon to be Beautified by Children

... thanks to Portraits of Hope (POH). And it's not too late to join the fun! For its latest public art and civic project, POH will be adding lots of color, beauty and artwork to Los Angeles County's animal shelters as a way to highlight them as public destinations and inspire more people to visit and take home a new pet.

The majority of the artwork will be painted by children taking part in Portraits of Hope creative therapy and civic leadership sessions in schools, hospitals and social service programs who will paint 2D and 3D art elements for the shelters in the course of their participation in the broader education and creative therapy program. POH anticipates that more than 8,000 people will be involved for the animal care centers.

Members of the public seven years of age and older who would like to participate are welcome to sign up to join the fun. To find out how, visit the POH Facebook page about the project: <https://www.facebook.com/Portraits-of-Hope-162666860449752/>

"We are so excited to be partnering with Portraits of Hope! This collaborative and exciting project will elevate the visibility of our animal care centers, and help even more of our animals to find new families", said Marcia Mayeda, Director of DACC. And speaking of new family pets...DACC is collaborating with POH to host a dog adoption event at their studio 760 S Sepulveda Blvd, El Segundo (B5.02), CA 90245 on September 24 and November 5th at 11:00 a.m. each date.

Founded by brothers Ed Massey and Bernie Massey, the Portraits of Hope program is aimed at enriching the lives of children and adults - many who may be coping with serious illness, disabilities, adversity, or socio-economic challenges - through their participation in creative, educational, high-profile, one-of-a-kind projects. Portraits of Hope has involved tens of thousands of children and adults in huge civic collaborations - in the U.S. and abroad – that have visually transformed everything from airplanes, lakes, buildings, tugboats, and the New York City taxi fleet to LA's coastal lifeguard towers, race cars, blimps, laundromats/lavanderias, and frontline fire and rescue vehicles, by working with organizations from NASA to NASCAR.

The project is funded by the generous sponsors of POH.

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